

GREGG COUNTY YOUTH EXPO

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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General Rules:

1. Entry Fee: Entries must be made on an official Prepared Public Speaking Entry form and signed by the AST/CEA overseeing the contestant and his/her speech.
2. Eligible Entries: Speeches must be the work of eligible exhibitors – limited to Texas FFA and 4-H members in Gregg County.
3. Speeches must directly relate to a current agriculture issue. Only one speech will be accepted per contestant.
4. Division are as Followed:
 - a. Junior: 3rd-6th Grade
 - b. Intermediate: 7th- 9th Grade
 - c. Senior: 10th-12th
 - i. 9th grade competitors are eligible to compete in the senior division if they desire.
5. Contest participants should wear FFA Official Dress or business attire.
6. Each contestant will need to submit a statement of originality sheet at the time of entry and provide a copy of their manuscript on the day of the contest.

Junior Speech Rules: (Grades 3rd - 6th)

1. The junior division speeches must be between 3 – 6 minutes.
2. The contest will consist of speech delivery and a 3 minute question period.
3. The written speech must reflect the original work of the contestant.
4. Speeches must relate to a current agriculture topic.
5. There will be no speech topic divisions

Intermediate Speech Rules: (Grades 7th – 9th)

1. The intermediate division speeches must be between 5 – 7 minutes.
2. The contest will consist of speech delivery and a 5 minute question period.
3. The written speech must reflect the original work of the contestant.
4. Speeches must relate to a current agriculture topic.
5. There will be no speech topic divisions

Senior Speech Rules: (Grades 10th – 12th)

1. The senior division speeches must be between 6 – 8 minutes.
2. The contest will consist of speech delivery and a 5-minute question period.
3. The written speech must reflect the original work of the contestant.
4. Speeches must relate to a current agriculture topic
5. There will be no speech topic divisions.

Judging:

1. Contestants will be judged and scored using the Prepared Public Speaking Rubric attached below.
2. Score sheets will be given back to the contestants at the conclusion of the contest.

Awards:

1. Contest placings will be announced at the conclusion of the contest.
2. The Champion and Reserve Champion of all divisions will be recognized and receive awards.

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PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RUBRIC

The speaker appears confident and not nervous.	____/10
The speaker's examples are clear and reinforce the speech points.	____/10
The speaker speaks without hesitation or unnecessary pauses.	____/10
The speaker uses body language and non-verbal gestures appropriately.	____/10
The speaker maintains eye contact with the audience.	____/10
The speaker's tone is balanced and displays a wide range of emphasis.	____/10
The speaker does not display any distracting habits during speech.	____/10
The speaker attracts and maintains the audience's attention.	____/10
The speaker pronounces all words correctly.	____/10
The topic is sophisticated and represents thought and intellect.	____/10
The speaker is dressed appropriately.	____/10
Speech is within allotted time. (2 points per 5 seconds over/under)	____/10
Answers to questions are accurate and well-rounded.	____/30
Total Points:	____/150

Comments: